

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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KEVIN LAPEER and LAUREN LAPEER,
Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF HENDERSON, HENDERSON
POLICE DEPARTMENT, HECTOR VILLA,
THEDRICK ANDRES, ANTHONY
BRANCHINI, DOE DEFENDANTS 1 through
20, and ROE DEFENDANTS 1 through 10,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00332-GMN-EJY

ORDER

Pending before the Court are two Motions to Seal filed by Plaintiff. ECF Nos. 15, 19. In Plaintiff's Motions, filed on Friday, March 15, 2024, Plaintiff seeks to seal Exhibit 2 to his Opposition to City of Henderson, Henderson Police Department, Thedrick Andres, and Anthony Branchini's Special Anti-SLAPP Motion to Dismiss under NRS 41.660 (ECF No. 15), and Exhibit 3 to Plaintiff's Opposition to Villa's Special Motion to Dismiss (ECF No. 19). Plaintiff explains Exhibits 2 and 3 "contains information, such as the addresses of crime scenes (which appear to be home addresses), and information concerning the name of a purported 'confidential informant' utilized by the Henderson Police Department. ECF Nos. 15 at 1-2, 19 at 1. Plaintiff further explains "[t]he document also discusses police investigative techniques (such as the use of confidential informants), and this information could be used for improper purposes and could create a risk of harm to the peace officers who are identified by name in this document." *Id.*

Under Ninth Circuit precedent established in *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179 (9th Cir. 2006), there is a "strong presumption of access to judicial records applies fully to dispositive pleadings, including motions for summary judgment and related attachments. . . . Thus, 'compelling reasons' must be shown to seal judicial records attached to a dispositive motion." Plaintiff, who is opposing dispositive motions, demonstrates compelling reasons to seal the records at Exhibit 2 and 3 in ECF Nos. 15 and 19 respectively.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2024.


ELAYNA J. YOUCHAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE